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1. KOREA

AFTER CLOSED HIRC SESSION 2/15, CMTE CHRMN FRASER (D-MINN) SAID NIXON ADMIN KNEW IN EARLY 1970S OF ROKG SCHEME "ILLEGALLY INFLUENCE THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT," BUT TOOK NO ACTION. TESTIMONY REPORTEDLY CAME FROM TOP SYUNG MUNG MOON AIDE BO HI PAK, CONSIDERED BY US INTELL UNCLASSIFIED

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SOURCES FORMER HIGH-LEVEL KCIA OFFICIAL. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, ETHICS CMTE MEMBER CAPUTO SAID TONGSUN PARK HAS DELAYED DEPARTURE FOR US ABOUT 1 WEEK DUE ILLNESS (VOLZ, NYDN).

2. JAPAN

AT WASHINGTON PRESS CLUB 2/15, STR STRAUSS SAID US PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES NOW MAY BE STRONG AS ANY TIME IN NATION'S HISTORY. WHILE URGING RESISTENCE TO PRO-

TECTIONISM, SAID US MUST PROTECT ITS BASIC INDUSTRIES.
CALLED STEEL TRIGGER PRICE SYSTEM BEST SOLUTION ADMIN
COULD FIND/SAID HE BELIEVED JAPAN WOULD HONOR SYSTEM.
TERMED RECENT US-JAPAN TRADE PACT "DRAMATIC STEP FORWARD"/

ONE OF "MOST MEANINGFUL" ECON AGREEMENTS US EVER MADE
(REUTER 2/15).

SPEAKING AT TOKYO NATL PRESS CLUB 2/15, FUKUDA SAID
"TWO YEARS OR MORE" WILL BE REQUIRED FOR JAPAN ELIMINATE
TRADE SURPLUS. STRESSED JAPAN MUST MAKE SACRIFICES AT
TIME WHEN COUNTRIES MORE MUTUALLY DEPENDENT. STATED GOJ
PREPARED IMPLEMENT 1-BIL-DOL EMERGENCY IMPORT PROGRAM
TO HELP TRADE SITUATION/ENVISIONES 6 PCT ECON EXPANSION
OVER NEXT 5 YRS (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO). FUKUDA ALSO
CALLED ON US CUT OIL IMPORTS IN ORDER MAINTAIN DOLLAR
VALUE/HELP STABILIZE WORLD ECON (UPI, NYT).

GREETING 27-MEMBER JAPANESE ECON MISSION VISITING DAR
ES SALAAM, TANZANIAN FINANCE/PLANNING MIN MTEI CRITICIZED
JAPAN'S ECON AID POLICIES, SAYING, "IN SPITE OF THE
ECONOMIC POWER JAPAN WIELDS, WE HAVE NOT ENJOYED AS
MUCH FROM IT AS WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED." JAPANESE
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DEL LEADER RESPONDED THAT BLAME LIES IN GOVT BUREAUCRACY/
SAID HE WOULD RELAY MESSAGE THAT THESE PROBLEMS MUST BE
ALLEVIATED (REUTER DAR ES SALAAM 2/15).

IMF MANAGING DIRECTOR WITTEVEEN ISSUED STRONG APPEAL
2/15 THAT FRG/JAPAN FURTHER STIMULATE THEIR ECONOMIES.
SAID THIS NEED "EVEN MORE URGENT" NOW, DUE SUBSTANTIAL
APPRECIATIONS IN MARK/YEN VALUE OVER PAST YR (NYT).

EC-JAPAN TRADE NEGOTS ENDED 3RD DAY 2/15 IN STALEMATE.
BOTH DELEGATIONS REPEATED RESPECTIVE POSITIONS RE JAPAN
TRADE SURPLUS/NEITHER GAVE GROUND (CULLISON).

BANK OF JAPAN BOUGHT ESTIMATED 150 MIL DOLS ON TOKYO
FOREX MART THURS IN EFFORT SUPPORT US DOLLAR AGAINST
YEN. DOLLAR CLOSED AT LOWEST RATE IN TOKYO SINCE 1/12
(REUTER TOKYO).

CAB HAS GIVEN UNITED AIRLINES TENTATIVE APPROVAL FOR
NEW NON-STOP SEATTLE/PORTLAND-TOKYO ROUTES (SHIFRIN,
WP; WSJ).

3. JAPAN/CHINA

CHIEF CABINET SEC ABE SAID 2/15 PRC/JAPAN HAVE TAKEN
STEP TOWARD REOPENING PEACE TREATY NEGOTS. COMMENTING
ON MTG IN PEKING TUES BETW JAPANESE AMB SATO/PRC VICE

FONMIN HAN, ABE SAID FUKUDA/FONMIN SONODA WILL SOON

"HARMONIZE" VIEWS FOR RESUMING TREATY NEGOTS (UPI, JOC).

4. CHINA

SEN JACKSON REPORTED 2/16 TO HAVE TWO-AND-HALF-HR LONG TALK W/TENG HSIAO-PING ON ENERGY MATTERS/INTL AFFAIRS. UNCLASSIFIED

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IN EVENING, JACKSON TO DEPART FOR INSPECTION OILFIELDS/ COAL MINES SHANTUNG PROVINCE (REUTER PEKING). ON 2/15, JACKSON REPORTEDLY TALKED W/SUNG CHEN-MING, VICE-MIN PETROLEUM/CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES AND WU SHIU-CHAN, PLA'S DEP CHIEF OF STAFF (REUTER PEKING 2/15).

"KYODO" REPORTS KWANGMING DAILY NEWSPAPER CLAIMS USE ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES DRAMATICALLY CUT ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH TO 0.49 PCT IN UNSPECIFIED, EASTERN PRC PROVINCE (TOKYO, AP, WP).

MORITZ (CSM HK) REPORTS TENG HSIAO-PING RECENTLY CLEARED OF ALLEGATIONS HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR APRIL '76 PEKING RIOTS. SAYS FEB ISSUE "RED FLAG" CHARGES GANG OF FOUR W/ SLANDERING TENG BY HOLDING HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLENCE DURING RIOTS. ARTICLE SAYS RADICALS THEN USED INCIDENT TO STRIP TENG OF ALL PARTY/GOVT POSTS.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT TAIPEI) REPORTS KMT TO NAME NATIVE TAIWANESE--HSIEH TUNG-MIN--AS CHOICE FOR VICE PRESIDENT ROC ON TICKET HEADED BY PM CHIANG CHING-KUO. SAYS SELECTION HSIEH, NOW SERVING AS ISLAND'S GOVERNOR, INTERPRETED AS PART OF CCK'S EFFORT GRANT NATIVE TAIWANESE MORE POL POWER. MOVE REPORTED TO MEET RESISTENCE FROM ENTRENCHED OLD GUARD KMT MEMBERS. SAYS HSIEH'S SELECTION ALSO REFLECTS "GRADUAL BUT PROFOUND CHANGES" TAKING PLACE IN ROC'S POL LIFE/UNDERScores LAST NOV LOCAL ELECTIONS WHEN INDEPENDENTS CAPTURED 38 PCT OF VOTE, DEFEATED KMT IN KEY SEVERAL ELECTIONS. BUTTERFIELD REPORTS MOST CHINESE FEEL CARTER ADMIN'S STRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PLAYED SOME PART IN BRINGING ABOUT NEW POL ATMOSPHERE/ EMBOLDENING OPPOSITION.

CSM (MORITZ HK) CARRIES SIMILAR ITEM. SIDE BAR TO PIECE UNCLASSIFIED

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BY REPORTER ARMBRUSTER IN WASHINGTON REPORTS KUO YU-HSIN, MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY, PLANS RUN IN OPPOSITION TO CCK. KUO, NOW IN US, SAYS IF HE DOES NOT RECEIVE NEEDED ENDORSEMENT, WILL NOT RETURN TO ROC "BECAUSE MY LIFE WILL

BE IN DANGER."

5. THAILAND

THAI POLICE WEDNESDAY ARRESTED AMCIT SARAH CHILD, 29, OF WASHINGTON, AND 2 AUSSIES, CHARGED THEM W/POSSESSION EXPLOSIVES. SAID 3 REFUSED ANSWER QUESTIONS (REUTER BANGKOK).

MALLINCKRODT INC OF ST LOUIS ONLY BIDDER FOR 6.7 TONS RAW OPIUM SEIZED BY THAI AUTHORITIES FROM DRUG TRAFFICKERS. AUTHORITIES, STILL UNDECIDED WHETHER AWARD OPIUM TO MALLINCKRODT, REFUSED DISCLOSE HOW MUCH FIRM OFFERED, BUT FOUND NOV OFFER 3.47 DOLS/LB TOO LOW (REUTER BANGKOK 2/15).

6. THAILAND/CAMBODIA

IN 2ND INCIDENT IN PAST WK IN WHICH LARGE NUMBERS VILLAGER SEIZED BY CAMBODIAN FORCES, TROOPS KIDNAPPED 50 THAIS WEDNESDAY AFTER KILLING 4 IN ATTACK ON EASTERN BORDER VILLAGE, ACCORDING THAI MIL (REUTER BANGKOK 2/15).

7. CAMBODIAN/VIETNAM

PP RADIO REPORTED THURS ITS FORCES KILLED MORE THAN 60 VIET INVADERS IN BORDER CLASHES IN PAST WK (REUTER LONDON).

SRV ACCUSED CAMBODIA WEDNESDAY OF MASS EXECUTIONS UNDER POLICY OF "SAVAGE SUPPRESSION," WARNED THERE MUST BE IMMEDIATE NEGOTS IF CAMBODIA DOESN'T WANT BEAR "FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF WORLD HISTORY." GLOBE CALLS DIATRIBE UNCLASSIFIED

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"HARSHEST ATTACK YET" ON CAMBODIA.

8. VIETNAM

PM PHAM VAN DONG WILL BE 1ST VIET LEADER TO VISIT INDIA IN 20 YRS WHEN HE BEGINS WK-LONG TRIP 2/24 (REUTER NEW DELHI 2/15).

9. PHILIPPINES

SEN AQUINO ANNOUNCED THURS HE PLANS RUN FOR SEAT IN NEW NATL ASSEMBLY/ASKED BE ALLOWED CAMPAIGN IN HANDCUFFS/ LEG CHAINS IF NECESSARY. REUTER (MANILA) SAYS DECISION EXPECTED TURN WHAT MIGHT HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN ANOTHER

ROUTINE PRO-MARCOS REFERENDUM INTO EMOTIONAL, WELL-PUBLICIZED DEBATE OVER STRENGTHS/FAILURES MARCOS' MARTIAL LAW RULE.

DESPITE ALL POL HEADACHES FOR MARCOS, WP'S MATHEWS (HK) SAYS AQUINO CANDIDACY WOULD HELP MARCOS BY LENDING MEASURE RESPECTABILITY TO 4/7 ELECTION OF NEW/ "ESSENTIALLY POWERLESS" INTERIM ASSEMBLY. REPORTS MANY AQUINO ADVISERS ARGUED HE SHOULD BOYCOTT ELECTION AS FRAUD, SINCE MARCOS WILL HAVE POWER DISSOLVE NEW ASSEMBLY AT WILL. QUOTES KEY MARCOS ADVISER THAT IN VIEW US HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN/US BASES NEGOTS, MARCOS HAD TO MAKE THIS 1ST NATL ELECTION SINCE MARTIAL LAW LOOK "AUTHENTIC AS POSSIBLE." ELECTIONS, HE SAYS, BEING HELD AT "SUGGESTION" DOS/TO PRESENT US CONGRESS "MARTIAL LAW REGIME THAT LOOKS MORE DEMOCRATIC." AQUINO'S WIFE EXPECTED FORMALLY ANNOUNC: CANDIDACY AT THURS PRESS CONF (ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTO AQUINO).

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10. INDONESIA

DOD TOLD CONGRESS WEDNESDAY IT INTENDS SELL GOI 16 NORTHROP F-5 FIGHTERS FOR ESTIMATED 125 MIL DOLS (REUTER 2/15).

11. INDONESIA/HUMAN RIGHTS

EA'S OAKLEY, IN TESTIMONY 2/15 BEFORE HOUSE INTL RELS SUBCMTE ON INTL ORGANIZATIONS, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER RECENT GOI ARRESTS OF STUDENTS/BAN ON NEWSPAPERS. OAKLEY SAID ACTIONS WERE RELATED TO NEXT MONTH'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, NOT TAKEN AS PART OF PLAN TO CURB INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. "WE HOPE THAT THE PROBLEMS CREATED WILL BE TEMPORARY IN NATURE, AND THAT THERE WILL BE CONTINUING PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS," OAKLEY ADDED. RELEASE BY INDONESIAN GOVT OF 10,000 POL PRISONERS IN DEC WAS AMONG POSITIVE SIGNS IT IS DETERMINED DEAL W/ HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS, HE ADDED (REUTER 2/15).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. CHINA

SAFIRE (NYT) RELATES ACCOUNT OF NIXON'S OPENING TO PEKING: PAK PRES YAHYA KHAN WAS INTERMEDIARY; AFTER TAKING OFFICE IN '69, NIXON PUT OUT FEELER TO CHINESE VIA SECSTATE

ROGERS WHO VISITED KHAN IN LAHORE; TWO MONTHS LATER, NIXON ALSO ASKED RUMANIA PRES CEAUSESCU TO RELAY BID TO PEKING; NEXT YEAR, WHEN KHAN HIMSELF VISITED PEKING, NIXON ASKED HIM TRANSMIT MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO CHOU EN-LAI-- WOULD PRC BE RECEPTIVE TO VISIT FROM NIXON? KHAN DID; MAO/CHOU SAID YES. UPON RETURN TO ISLAMABAD, KHAN CABLED MESSAGE TO PAK AMB TO US, WHO THEN RELAYED IT TO KISSINGER

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AT WH, BYPASSING DOS FOR "SECURITY REASONS." SAYS DURING NEXT 7 MONTHS, MESSAGES PASSED BACK AND FORTH BETWN TWO COUNTRIES THRU PAK INTERMEDIARY, UNTIL 7/71 WHEN HAK ARRIVED IN PEKING TO SET UP FOR NIXON VISIT.

WHY THE SECRECY? SAFIRE SAYS UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED REASON, WHICH RECENT SPAT OF NIXON/KISSINGER MEMOIRS (SUCH AS HALDEMAN'S "THE ENDS OF POWER") WILL UNDERSCORE, IS THAT PRC DEMANDED IT SO US WOULD NOT EMBARRASS CHINA W/ SOVIETS. HOWEVER, UNIDENTIFIED PAKISTANI WHO PARTICIPATED IN ARRANGEMENTS SUGGESTS IT WAS OTHERWISE: THAT KHAN TOLD CHOU "DIVERSE ELEMENTS" IN US WOULD OBJECT TO MEETING AND THUS CHINESE, WHO WOULD HAVE DELIGHTED AT EMBARRASSING SOVIETS, AGREED ACCOMMODATE US DESIRE FOR SECRECY.

VON HOFFMAN (WP) OBSERVES SUSPICION GROWS THAT WHEN PANAMA CANAL TREATY RATIFIED, ADMIN WILL MOVE TO SECURE FULL RELS W/PRC. SAYS DANGER IS ISSUE WILL BE TURNED INTO LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE DEBATE IN WHICH ANIMOSITIES OF DOMESTIC US POLITICS WILL BE PROJECTED ON FON POLICY QUESTION. SAYS NEITHER GROUP CAN HAVE SYMPATHY FOR POL STRUCTURE OF EITHER ROC OR PRC.

VON HOFFMAN SUGGESTS FANCY REASONS OF "RIGHT AND WRONGNESS" BE DROPPED FROM CHINA DEBATE, AND INSTEAD QUESTION ASKED WHAT US WOULD ACHIEVE BY NORMALIZATION. SAYS ANSWER IS "NOT MUCH," PARTICULARLY WHEN PRICE OF FULL RELS WOULD BE TAIWAN. ABANDONING TAIWAN, VON HOFFMAN STATES, WOULD BE LIKE ABANDONING ISRAEL, SINCE BOTH COUNTRIES CREATED/SUSTAINED BY US ARMS/AID. ASSERTS NO SANE AMERICAN WOULD ADVOCATE ABANDONING ISRAEL--YET, IN ECON SENSE, MORE WOULD BE GAINED BY DUMPING IT THAN UNCLASSIFIED

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TAIWAN. CONCLUDES IF LIBERALS WANT PUSH FOR MORALITY IN FON RELS, THEN THEY SHOULD ADVOCATE ABANDONING BOYCOTT OF CUBA. BUT AS FOR PEKING, SAYS "OFFER HER FRIENDSHIP BUT NOT TAIWAN."

13. JAPAN

WHYNANT (NYPOST 2/11) EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER LITTLE-NOTED JAPANESE DEFENSE BUILDUP. NOTES JAPANESE DEF BUDGET GREATER THAN ISRAEL'S/NATION ALREADY THOUGHT BE GREATEST ASIAN MIL POWER ASIDE FROM PRC. QUOTES GOJ CHIEF LEGAL ADVISOR SANADA THAT WHILE CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS MIL FORCES, IT COULD CHANGE "ACCORDING TO CIRCUMSTANCES."

WHYNANT FINDS REVERSAL IN POST-WAR JAPANESE THINKING RE
MILITARY MIGHT/FORESEES GREATER PUBLIC/GOJ SUPPORT
FOR INCREASED MIL CAPABILITIES. WARNS JUST AS JAPAN
HAS "SELF-DEFENSE FORCES" BANNED BY ITS CONSTITUTION,
ALSO CONCEIVABLE IT COULD BECOME 1ST COUNTRY DEVELOP
"SELF-DEFENSE ATOM BOMB."

14. VIETNAM

PHINQ'S MAOTS DOES OP-ED PG ATTACK ON POSSIBILITY USIA'S
RONALD HUMPHREY COULD BE ACQUITTED IN "AFTERMATH OF THE
WATERGATE HYSTERIA" ON GROUND HIS RTS VIOLATED FOR
SURVEILLANCE W/O WARRANT, SUPPOSEDLY W/PRES CARTER'S
PERMISSION. CRITICIZES WH FOR ITS "SURPRISING CAUTION"
IN REPLYING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT SURVEILLANCE; SAYS
CARTER SHOULD HAVE MADE HIS OPINION CLEAR IN DEFENDING
DECISION.

IN COLUMN HEADED "REPRESSION BY LAWSUIT," NYT'S LEWIS
EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER DOJ SUIT AGAINST FRANK SNEPP FOR
PUBLISHING "DECENT INTERVAL" W/O CIA CLEARANCE. SAYS
SUIT "IS REASON FOR DESPAIR" IN VIEW OF ADMIN'S COMMIT-
MENT TO CIVIL LIBERTY. NOTES BOOK DEALS W/GOVT POLICY/
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PERFORMANCE--"SURELY EXPRESSION OF THE KIND THE FIRST
AMENDMENT WAS INTENDED TO PROTECT." DECLARES PROMISES,
SUCH AS OATH SNEPP TOOK, NOT NECESSARILY ENFORCIBLE
AS CONTRACTS. QUOTES ATTY ALEXANDER BICKEL THAT
FREEDOM IS SAFER WHEN WE DO NOT LITIGATE SUCH QUESTIONS.
CONCLUDES WAS NATURAL FOR CIA PRESS FOR ACTION AGAINST
SNEPP, BUT SAYS DOJ SHOULD HAVE COURAGE/WISDOM TO SAY
"NO."

15. PHILIPPINES

LAT'S MCARTHUR (MANILA 2/14) SEES MARCOS GAMBLING THAT
APRIL ELECTION WILL GIVE HIS "FALTERING" MARTIAL LAW
REGIME "FACADE" OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. SAYS MARCOS

WILL CERTAINLY WIN ELECTION, BUT WINNING "OVERALL GAMBLE"
WILL TAKE MORE THAN "THEATRICALS AND ALMOST MONARCHISTIC
TRAPPINGS" THAT HAVE MARKED HIS RULE. THINKS MARCOS
HOPES FOR IMPROVED IMAGE, WHICH NOT SO EASY WHEN GAP BETWN
RICH/POOR WIDENING.

MCARTHUR NOTES ELECTION PERIOD WILL BE BUSY TIME FOR AMEMB
MANILA, SINCE OPPOSITION CHARGING PURPOSE OF ELECTION IS
LEGITIMIZE MARTIAL LAW/PROTECT USG INTERESTS "AT THE
EXPENSE OF THE FREEDOM, WELFARE AND DIGNITY OF THE
FILIPINO PEOPLE." OBSERVES MARCOS SUPPORTERS, ON OTHER
HAND, CHARGING US INTERESTS GIVING MONEY TO OPPOSITION/

SOME CANDIDATES RECEIVING CIA SUPPORT--THAT CARTER
ADMIN SEEKING BRING MARCOS DOWN.

MCARTHUR TALKS ABOUT LAVISH LIFE-STYLE MARCOSES,
IMELDA'S POWER, DETENTION POL PRISONERS. SAYS MOST
PEOPLE FEEL MARCOS HAS DESIGNATED WIFE HIS SUCCESSOR--
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PROSPECT THAT AROUSES LITTLE ENTHUSIASM. QUOTES
OPPOSITION LEADER SALONGA THAT IMELDA WOULD NOT LAST AS
LONG AS ISABEL PERON BEFORE ARMY TOOK OVER. VANCE

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